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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING: DUTCH MFA OFFICIAL L.V.M.
VAN GORP

1. LAUTENTIUS VICTOR MARIA VAN GORP, HEAD OF THE MFA
EASTERNEUROPE SECTION (INCLUDES USSR), WILL BE TRANSFERRED
TO THE STAFF OF THE NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE IN ROME ON
AUGUST 23.

2. VAN GORP WAS BORN DECEMBER 9, 1934 IN TILBURG,
NETHERLANDS. HE STUDIED HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
NIJMEGEN, RECEIVING A MASTERS' DEGREE CUM LAUDE.
VAN GORP ENTERED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1962 AND BEGAN
WITH THE AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT, MOVING UP
TO HEAD ITS CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN SECTION IN THE
MID-SIXTIES. ABOUT 1971, HE TRANSFERRED TO THE EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE, BECOMING HEAD OF THE EASTERN EUROPE
SECTION. FROM 1974 TO 1977, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ISRAELI
INTERESTS SECTION OF THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.
FROM 1977-78 HE RETURNED TO HIS OLD JOB AS HEAD OF
THE EASTERN EUROPE SECTION. VAN GORP IS MARRIED TO
THE FORMER MARLIES KOLSTER; THEY HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN.

3. VA GORP HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO THE EMBASSY. HE
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CONTINUES TO DISPLAY KEEN INTEREST IN HIS MOSCOW
ASSIGNMENT WHERE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE WAS INVOLVED
IN PROCESSING JEWISH EMIGRES. HE SPEAKS VERY HIGHLY
OF HIS AMERICAN CONTACTS IN MOSCOW, AND HAS SAID HE
HOPE TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH OFFICERS AT EMBASSY
ROME AND WITH US OFFICIALS IN ROME INVOLVED IN THE
TRANSIT PROCESSING OF JEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

VAN GROF APPEARS TO BE A COMPETENT OFFICIAL, AND COULD
PROVE TO BE AN INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING ACQUAINTANCE.
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